

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after line 2: insert

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, lines 3-5: change this paragraph to read as follows:

The present invention concerns an assembly for sealing and centering a piston rod in a two-cylinder dashpot or two-cylinder telescoping leg ~~as recited in Claim 1.~~

Page 2, line 17: insert:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 3, line 13: insert:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 3, line 24: insert:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

Page 5, lines 3-11: change this paragraph to read as follows:

Piston rod sealing ring 7 fits into a flowerpot-shaped accommodation at the upper end 8 of piston-rod centering ring 6. The inner surface of piston-rod sealing ring 7 is provided with a radially inward open groove 12 accommodating a multiple-part seal 13 that seals off sealing-and-centering assembly 5 and hence the dashpot housing from piston rod 3. Another seal, seal 14, seals off sealing-and-centering assembly 5 from outer cylinder 1, which is ~~upset~~ shaped at its upper end to axially secure the dashpot's components.